

House Resolution No. 920

Whereas, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

Whereas, modeled closely after the International Red Cross, the American Red Cross is a voluntary blood donor organization that relies solely on the generosity of local communities throughout the year; and

Whereas, Clara Barton successfully organized the American Association of the Red Cross in Washington, D.C., on May 21, 1881, and served as the organization's volunteer president until 1904; and

Whereas, in 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proudly proclaimed the month of March as Red Cross Month, since which time each president has echoed the call; and

Whereas, during the post-war era, citizens rallied together to volunteer their assistance and donate funds and supplies to the American Red Cross to help the nation recover from the effects of World War II; and

Whereas, today, at the turn of a new century, the American Red Cross is still passionately dedicated to meeting the needs of each community and serving the nation as a whole by saving lives every day:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to the dedicated leaders and volunteers of the American Red Cross for their many years of unparalleled service to the citizenry of Callaway County, and in wishing them only the very best of success as they continue to bring comfort to those in need; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during National Red Cross Month.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 920, adopted March 20, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker